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**NOVEMBER IS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

Making a foster child a permanent member of your family requires a special person; particularly if the child is older, has experienced the trauma of abuse or neglect, or has emotional or behavioral challenges. That special person is selfless, patient, nurturing, loving and provides a child with a sense of belonging and permanency; that special person is an adoptive parent.

There are nearly 500 children in Los Angeles County's foster care system that are in need of adoptive families. It is important to bring awareness of that need and recruit loving, prospective adoptive families. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) welcomes and needs individuals and families, regardless of age, sex, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, martial or domestic partnership status, physical characteristics, national origin, medical status or disability status, to help fulfill one of its critical missions in finding permanent and loving homes for children that need adoptive families.

Last year, 1,367 adoptions were finalized in Los Angeles County lending security and permanency to each one of those children. DCFS hopes to recruit more adoptive homes especially for sibling groups, teenagers, and children with medical needs.

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**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Declare November 2015 Adoption Awareness Month;
- (2) Encourage families and others in the community to consider the benefits and rewards of adopting a waiting child by calling (888) 811-1121 or visit [www.ShareYourHeartLA.org](http://www.ShareYourHeartLA.org) ; and
- (3) Instruct the Auditor-Controller to print, "November is Adoption Awareness Month. Call 888-811-1121 to become a foster or adoptive parent" on all County warrants and for the Department of Human Resources to include the same message on the electronic paystub viewer on e-CAPS.

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